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HAVING FUN IN WASHINGTON

Jeanie's a secretary who has worked like the dickens for a whole year and needs a vacation, but she has to stay in Washington. What can she do in Washington for 14 whole days?

The D. C. Recreation Department has prepared a 14 day schedule for having fun in Washington and if Jeanie follows the schedule strictly she will have had a dandy time when her vacation is over. Here's a sample.

Sunday

Morning--Attend one of Washington's famous churches, such as the Washington Cathedral, which when finished will be one of the ten largest churches in the world.

Afternoon--Visit the National Zoological Park, one of the world's finest parks. The bird display equals any in the world. Don't forget peanuts!

Evening--Complete a perfect day by attending the Starlight Concert at Meridian Hill Park. Tickets may be obtained at Cappel's, 1300 G St., N. W.

Monday

Morning--Take a trip to Kenilworth Water Gardens. In addition to the lilies, there are choice specimens of other sub-aquatics and abundant and interesting bird life.

Afternoon--You may rent a row-boat, canoe, pedal boat or swan boat at the Tidal Basin (west side), or take a steamer on the Potomac and go to historic Mt. Vernon to visit the home of our First President.

Evening--Go out to the National Airport, put a dime in the turnstile and watch the planes come and go. The dignitary or movie star whose picture appears in Tuesday's newspaper may come in while you're watching.

If you'd like to review the complete vacation plan, see your contact officer.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club now meets on Tues. at 5:30, instead of Fri., room 124 E. New members welcome. For further information call Mr. Holland, ext. 3775.

AN OFFICIAL WAR MESSAGE

"The fighting forces will be very grateful for the care each of you personally takes in not revealing information that can be helpful to the enemy. It is the little things that count. Added together they can easily disclose our plans or purposes.

"Now that we have speeded up our attack on all fronts, it is even more important that all information about our troops, our ships, and our equipment be held as confidential. The lives of the men depend upon this."

LET'S COOK

Has your husband or fiance been writing you from overseas about how much he's longing for one of your good home-cooked meals and that he's really looking forward to making your dinner table his first stop in the U. S.? We know that some of you gals haven't gotten in as much cooking practice as you planned when the boys left, but we've heard that Miss Sheldon of the Washington Gas Light Company will give a series of free evening classes in cookery if enough girls are interested. So, if you want to be prepared to cook a perfect meal, tell your contact officer. She'll tell us, we'll tell Miss Sheldon and then we'll let you know when to don your apron and get out the pots and pans.

BUY BONDS

Are you buying your share--10% of your salary in War Bonds? We have all been asked to put at least that much of our salaries into Bonds thru the payroll savings plan, and with the Army and Navy in active combat on several fronts the Government needs more money than ever.

We all know the many advantages--both personal and patriotic--of buying War Bonds, so we shan't repeat them all. But the more Bonds you buy, the sooner Johnny will come marching home and the more money you will have saved toward that post-war dream you want to make come true.

Please see your Bond Chairman today and say, "Increase my Bond deductions to 10% (or more) of my salary."

LOANS ON HOMES

The Agriculture Beneficial Association, a mutual, non-profit association of employees, makes loans for a three-year period, which may be renewed, on homes of employees secured by first trusts. For further information, call Mr. H. E. Allanson, P. I. S. & A. E., Beltsville, on Warfield 4400.

GROUP HEALTH

The officers for the Agricultural Group Health Council elected by ballots submitted by the delegates and alternates on July 28 are:

Chairman--W. G. Finn, AAA

Vice-Chairman--James Kendrick,
ARA

Secretary--H. M. Southworth, FDA

AMERICAN LEGION--AGRICULTURE POST NO. 36

The Department Convention of the American Legion at the Hotel Mayflower on July 27th, 28th and 29th last, devoted a good part of its time to awarding cups and citations to Agriculture Post for outstanding accomplishments in growth of membership, civic and war activities. In all, the Post received two citations and five silver trophies, thereby obtaining the honor location in the seating of delegates.

One trophy was for the greatest percentage growth in membership for the last five years with 341 members. This automatically makes the new quota 375 members to be attained before July, 1945. That should be simple. However, to recapture the trophy for the greatest increase in membership for the year which was won with 173% of our quota, it will be necessary to have 650 members by July, 1945. That will require a bit of doing! It is believed, however, that as our men and women return in ever increasing numbers and learn of the activities of Agriculture Post, they will be as proud to join the outstanding Post of the Legion in the District of Columbia as the Post will be proud to have them.

So to you World War II Agriculture Veterans goes this invitation. Come to the American Legion Clubhouse, 2437 Fifteenth St., N. W., as a guest of Agriculture Post for the next meeting to be held on September 12, at 8:30 p. m. Introduce yourself to Commander Pagnotta and you will be

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The War Workers' Council of the War Hospitality Committee informs us that 800 volunteers, negro and white, are urgently needed as ward aids at the Glen Dale Sanatorium. The D. C. Health Department will take a chest x-ray and skin test of each applicant. The next training classes will begin August 28, and will be given from 7:30 to 9:30 on Mon., Wed., and Fri., evenings of that week in one of the city hospitals. When you have completed the course, you will be expected to serve at least one night a week from 7:30 to 9:30 at Glen Dale. Transportation will be provided.

In order to be a volunteer aid, you must register at the Volunteer Office at 1350 Penn. Ave., N. W., open 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. thru Fri.; 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m., Sat.; closed on Sunday.

most welcome.

The Post gratefully acknowledges the many contributions to its Prisoners of War Chess Fund. It was hoped there would be \$250.00, or enough for 1000 pocket chess sets. Actually, there has been about \$750.00 received to date and voluntary contributions are still coming in.

REMEMBER--

FARM WORK IS

WAR WORK

D. C. RECREATION

Do you know about all the activities D. C. Recreation Department sponsors at its various community centers? At Central Center there are classes in bridge and dancing (both square and ballroom) and civilian defense, music, drama and sports groups. There are similar activities at Roosevelt and Thomson Centers. In addition at Thomson Center, there are language classes and a stamp club. Meet your neighbors and become friends by sharing their play at the community centers. For further information on any of the centers or their programs, call Adams 2050.

MOONLIGHT CRUISE

On August 21, 1944, at 8:30 p.m., there will be a gala moonlight cruise on the S. S. Robert E. Lee. This cruise is being sponsored by the Recreation Committee No. 2 of Walter Reed Hospital. Edward Cornick, room 3625, extension 5231, has a limited supply of tickets. Their price is \$1.25 each. See bulletin board.

I hate the guys

Who criticize

And minimize

The other guys

Whose enterprise

Has made them rise

Above the guys

Who criticize

And minimize

The other guys.

We borrowed this
and we think it's
pretty good; how
about you?

TRANSPORTATION

Want Rides

Mrs. Robbins, 4106 N. Henderson Rd.,
Arlington, Va. Ext. 3831

Miss Barton, 1448 Girard St., N. W.,
Ext. 4303

Miss Sheer, 1602 N. Taylor St.,
Arlington, Va. Ext. 4475

Mrs. Edith Nicholas, Greenbelt, Md.
Ext. 5475

Want Riders

Mr. Goding, Barcroft Apts., Columbia
Pike, Arlington, Va. Ext. 2010

Mr. Clements, 4703 Bennett Ave.,
Bradbury Park, Md. Ext. 5150

Want Rotater

Mrs. Swiger, 4367 N. Pershing Drive,
Arlington, Va. Ext. 2064.

Mr. Jump, 3247 Patterson St., N. W.,
Ext. 3323.

ARCHERY

If Robin Hood and his Merry Men (and women) wish to practice archery, they can do so at 16th and Kennedy Sts., N. W. Of course if they have come all the way from Sherwood Forest to engage in war work, they will not have brought their tackle. The Recreation Department solves that problem by providing equipment there. The range is open Wednesday and Friday evening, 5:30 to 8:30 p. m. Free.

CIRCULATION

The News Bulletin seems to get around! We've had requests to be put on the mailing list from several organizations in D. C., but our prize request was from Des Moines, Iowa!